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ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY – 2014

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

The 2014 **corn** for grain crop was estimated at 5.88 million bushels, 35 percent below last year's production of 9.03 million bushels, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average yield of 210.0 bushels per acre was 33.0 bushels per acre above the yield realized last year. Area harvested for grain in 2014, at 75,000 acres, was 10,000 acres below last year. Acreage cut for corn silage was estimated at 46,000 acres, up 13,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 1.33 million tons compared with 990,000 tons produced last year.

Sorghum for grain production was estimated at 800,000 bushels, down 37 percent from the previous year. Average yield was estimated at 100.0 bushels per acre, up 25.0 bushels per acre from last year. Producers harvested 8,000 acres for grain, down 9,000 acres from last year's area harvested. Acreage cut for sorghum silage was estimated at 17,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 391,000 tons compared with 330,000 tons produced last year.

Arizona's **barley** seeded area, at 36,000 acres, is down 39,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 32,000 acres, is down 37,000 acres from 2013. Barley yield, at 125.0 bushels per acre is up 7.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2014 is estimated at 4.00 million bushels, down 51 percent from the previous year.

All wheat production in Arizona, estimated at 8.69 million bushels, is up 4 percent from 2013. All wheat yield was 110.0 bushels per acre, up 10.6 bushels per acre from a year ago. **Winter wheat** producers seeded 8,000 acres in the fall of 2013 for harvest in 2014, down from 12,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain decreased 3,000 acres to 7,000 acres in 2014. Winter wheat production is estimated at 700,000 bushels, down 13 percent from last year. Winter wheat yield, at 100.0 bushels per acre, is up 20.0 bushels per acre from last year. **Durum wheat** seedings, at 73,000 acres, are down 2,000 acres from last year. Acreage harvested totaled 72,000 acres, down from 74,000 acres harvested last year. Durum wheat production is estimated at 7.99 million bushels, up 6 percent from last year. Durum wheat yield, at 111.0 bushels per acre, is up 9.0 bushels per acre from last year.

All hay production for 2014 is estimated at 2.41 million tons, up 11 percent from the 2013 total. **Alfalfa hay** production was estimated at 2.21 million tons from 260,000 acres harvested, up 185,000 tons from 2013. Average yield for the 2014 crop was 8.50 tons per acre, 0.40 ton per acre above last year. **All other hay** production totaled 200,000 tons from 40,000 acres harvested, up 46,000 tons from 2013. The average yield of 5.00 tons per acre was up 0.60 ton per acre from last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in Arizona were estimated at 50,000 acres, down 23 percent from 2013.

As of December 1, producers in Arizona were storing 320,000 tons of **all hay**, up 60 percent from the 200,000 tons stored last year.

Based on December 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in Arizona is expected to total 492,000 480-lb bales, 2 percent above 2013. Area of all cotton harvested, at 162,500 acres, is up 2,000 acres from last year. The all cotton yield is forecast at 1,453 pounds per acre, up 8 pounds from 2013.

Upland cotton planted acres are estimated at 150,000 for 2014, with 148,000 expected to be harvested. Upland cotton production is expected to total 465,000 bales, down 3 percent from the 2013 crop. Yield is estimated at 1,508 pounds per acre, up 59 pounds from last year. **American Pima** planted cotton acres are estimated at 15,000 for 2014, with 14,500 acres expected to be harvested. Arizona's 2014 American Pima production is estimated at 27,000 bales with an average yield of 894 pounds per acre.

Dry edible bean production was estimated at 211,000 hundredweight, 26 percent above the 2013 crop of 168,000 hundredweight. Average yield was estimated at 1,940 pounds per acre, 260 pounds above last year. Harvested area, at 10,900 acres, was 900 acres more than last year.

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Durum wheat seedings for 2015 are estimated at 115,000 acres, a 42,000 acre increase from 2014. **Winter wheat seedings** last fall for the 2015 crop year are estimated at 9,000 acres, up 13 percent from last year.

Arizona's 2014-2015 **lemon** production is forecast at 2.20 million boxes, up 22 percent from last season. Arizona **tangerine and mandarin** production for the 2014-2015 season is forecast at 220,000 boxes, up 10 percent from last season.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn for grain production is estimated at a record 14.2 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast but 3 percent above the revised 2013 estimate. The average yield in the United States is estimated at a record high of 171.0 bushels per acre. This is down 2.4 bushels from the November forecast but 12.9 bushels above the revised 2013 average yield of 158.1 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 83.1 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast but down 5 percent from the revised 2013 acreage. Corn silage production is estimated at 128 million tons for 2014, up 8 percent from 2013 and represents the highest production on record for the United States. The United States silage yield is estimated at 20.1 tons per acre, up 1.3 tons from 2013. Area harvested for silage is estimated at 6.37 million acres, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Sorghum grain production in 2014 is estimated at 433 million bushels, up 6 percent from the November forecast and up 11 percent from the revised 2013 grain production total. Planted area is estimated at 7.14 million acres, down 11 percent from last year's revised planted acres. Area harvested for grain, at 6.40 million acres, is down 2 percent from the 2013 revised harvested acres. Average grain yield, at 67.6 bushels per acre, is up 1.5 bushels from the previous forecast and up 8.0 bushels from last year. Silage production is estimated at 4.12 million tons, down 24 percent from 2013. Area harvested for silage is estimated at 315,000 acres, down 17 percent from the previous year. Silage yields averaged 13.1 tons per acre, down 1.2 tons per acre from 2013.

Barley production is estimated at 177 million bushels, down 18 percent from the 2013 total. Average yield per acre, at 72.4 bushels, is up 1.1 bushels from the previous year and represents the third highest yield on record for the United States. Producers seeded 2.98 million acres in 2014, down 16 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 2.44 million acres, is down 20 percent from 2013.

Winter wheat production for 2014 totaled 1.38 billion bushels, down 11 percent from the 2013 total. The United States yield, at 42.6 bushels per acre, is down 4.7 bushels from 2013. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 32.3 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous year.

Production of **Durum wheat** for 2014 is estimated at 53.1 million bushels, down 8 percent from the 2013 total. Grain area harvested totaled 1.34 million acres, down slightly from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 39.7 bushels per acre, down 3.6 bushels from 2013.

Production of **all dry hay** for 2014 is estimated at 139.8 million tons, down 6 percent from the October 1 forecast but up 4 percent from the revised 2013 total. Area harvested is estimated at 57.1 million acres, down less than 1 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 1 percent from 2013. The average yield, at 2.45 tons per acre, is down 0.13 ton from the October forecast but up 0.12 ton from the previous year.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in 2014 is estimated at 61.4 million tons, down 5 percent from the October forecast but up 7 percent from the revised 2013 total. Harvested area, at 18.4 million acres, is up 1 percent from the October forecast and 4 percent above the previous year. Average yield is estimated at 3.33 tons per acre, 0.22 ton below the October forecast but up 0.09 ton from 2013.

Production of **other hay** in 2014 totaled 78.4 million tons, down 7 percent from the October forecast but up less than 1 percent from the revised 2013 total. Harvested area, at 38.6 million acres, is down 2 percent from the October forecast and down 4 percent from last year. Average yield is estimated at 2.03 tons per acre, down 0.10 ton from the October forecast but up 0.10 ton from 2013.

Growers seeded 2.55 million acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** during 2014, up 1 percent from 2013. This represents the third consecutive year of increased seeded area. The new seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures will normally be harvested for the first time in the year following planting.

All cotton production is estimated at 16.1 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from last month and up 25 percent from 2013. The United States yield is estimated at 795 pounds per acre, up 22 pounds from the December forecast but down 26 pounds from last year. Harvested area, at 9.71 million acres, is down 2 percent from last month but up 29 percent from last year. **Upland cotton** production is estimated at 15.5 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from the December forecast and up 26 percent from last year. The United States yield for Upland cotton is estimated at 781 pounds per acre, up 21 pounds from last month but down 21 pounds from 2013. Upland planted area, estimated at 10.8 million acres, is up 6 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 9.52 million acres, is down 2

percent from last month but up 30 percent from last year. **American Pima** producers planted 192,000 acres, down 4 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 189,400 acres, is down 5 percent from last year. Production is estimated at 588,000 bales (480-pound), up 2 percent from the September forecast and up 7 percent from last year. The United States yield is estimated at 1,490 pounds per acre, up 25 pounds from the September forecast and up 37 pounds from last year.

Production of dry edible beans is estimated at 29.2 million cwt, up 19 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.72 million acres, up 26 percent from 2013. Harvested area is estimated at 1.67 million acres, 27 percent above the previous year. The average United States yield is estimated at 1,753 pounds per acre, a decrease of 114 pounds from last year's yield.

Durum wheat seedings in Arizona and California for 2015 harvest are estimated at 155,000 acres, up 44 percent from 2014 and 7 percent above 2013.

Winter wheat seeded area for 2015 is expected to total 40.5 million acres, down 5 percent from 2014. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 29.5 million; Soft Red Winter, 7.50 million; and White Winter, 3.48 million.

The forecast for the 2014-2015 United States **lemon** crop is 888,000 tons, up 7 percent from last season's final utilization.

The United States **tangerine and mandarin** crop is forecast at 748,000 tons, up 3 percent from last season's final utilization but down 3 percent from the December forecast.

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